

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** America's strongest economic growth in almost 40 years has been driven by the resilience of our small businesses who, despite a world-wide pandemic, continue to pioneer innovative solutions to our country's greatest challenges and create opportunities for families and workers; and

**WHEREAS,** from the storefront shops that anchor Main Street to the high-tech startups that keep America on the cutting edge to the small manufacturers driving our competitiveness on the global stage, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our nation's promise; and

**WHEREAS,** when we support small businesses, jobs are created, and local communities preserve their unique culture; and

**WHEREAS,** because this country's 32.5 million small businesses create nearly two out of three jobs in our economy, we cannot resolve ourselves to create jobs and spur economic growth in America without discussing ways to support our entrepreneurs; and

**WHEREAS,** the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best – grow their business, create jobs, and ensure that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

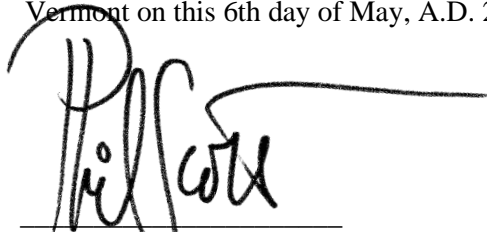
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2022 as


**SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 6th day of May, A.D. 2022.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs